



# State of Nevada

## Technical Standards Committee

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#### 1.0 PURPOSE

This charter establishes the State of Nevada Technical Standards Committee (TSC).

#### 2.0 LIFE SPAN

The State Technical Standards Committee will exist indefinitely.

#### 3.0 MISSION

To develop and promote state-wide information technology (IT) standards that will enhance the operations and business of state government by positively affecting inter-agency cooperation, coordination, interoperability, and overall business efficiency.

#### 4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the Nevada Technical Standards Committee (TSC) is to guide the process of acquiring, building, modifying, interfacing and deploying information technology resources throughout the state. This is accomplished by directing the formulation and publication of state standards.

The Committee shall be guided in its mission by the following principles:

- **Employ Vendor Independent Terminology** - Technology standards will use vendor independent terminology, whenever practical.

Vendor independent terminology eliminates bias towards commercial products or vendors and allows full and open competition during procurement.

- **Align with State, Federal, Local and Private Guidelines** - Technology standards will be consistent with commonly accepted state, federal, local and private sectors information technology guidelines. Nevada technology standards will use terminology, organization, and structural templates that are commonly utilized in the state, federal, local, and private sector. If conflicts occur between the different sectors, the order of precedence will be state, federal, local, and then private.

Alignment aids the adoption and utilization of common technology standards and best practices among different government and private sector entities.

- **Support Business Needs** - Technology standards will be designed and established to support the business needs of the State. The standards developed will directly correlate to the business performed by the State's agencies.

Allowing the business needs to drive the standards provides a relationship between technology and the business and ensures the State does not adopt technology for technology's sake.

- **Facilitate Extensibility and Scalability** - Technology standards will accommodate additions or changes to the computing environment, including: functionality, hardware, software,



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telecommunications resources, number of users, system performance, processing power, network connectivity and capacity, or data storage needs.

Standards that imbed the characteristics of extensibility and scalability will enable the State to react to the rapid pace of new technologies, adapt to a changing client base, and deploy standards for modular components. This principle also ensures the standards are practical for all State agencies, regardless of complexity.

- **Align with the State's IT Goals and Objectives** - Technology standards will be in accordance with and enable achievement of the State's IT goals and objectives and will assist in successfully achieving them.

Aligning technology standards to IT goals and objectives provides agencies with guidance on how to align their solutions with the State's IT direction.

- **Adhere to Security and Privacy Requirements** - Technology standards will comply with the State's approved security and privacy requirements including adopted Security policies, standards, and guidelines.

Adherence to this principle will enable the State to: safeguard client information; enhance public trust; protect agency assets; and enable compliance with Federal and State laws.

- **Promote Interoperability** - The technology standards will support the ability of systems and data to operate in conjunction with each other seamlessly, via the use of common specifications and standards.

Standards that facilitate interoperability promote the exchange of information in a heterogeneous environment. Each agency can implement solutions specific to their environment and share information with other agencies or organizations.

#### 5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Technical Standards Committee shall include:

- Develop technical standards in support of Nevada's strategic goals.
- Provide standards for state agencies concerning technology.
- Support Enterprise IT procurement.
- Promote communication and coordination between agencies in the establishment of the technical standards.
- Collaborate with other IT governance committees.

#### 6.0 REFERENCES

Nevada IT Operations Committee PSPs can be found at the following website and includes PSP 2.06 Standard: Exemption Request from PSPs ([http://www.nitoc.nv.gov/NITOCdocs/2.06\(B\).pdf](http://www.nitoc.nv.gov/NITOCdocs/2.06(B).pdf)).  
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#### 6.0 STRUCTURE

Members of the Technical Standards Committee shall consist of agency information technology (IT) managers responsible for managing their agency's IT direction and overall operations, and who are empowered to speak for their agency on IT architecture standards for the State enterprise. The Technical Standards Committee Chair shall be a senior agency IT manager. The Department of Information Technology shall provide staff support for the Committee. Additional support will be provided by the Enterprise Architect at the Department of Information Technology.

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